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Multistate Tax Commission

Resolution No. 01-11

Resolution Encouraging Efforts to Enable Effective Interstate Communications

Whereas, information systems technologies have become vital to the operation of all aspects of State and local government, including tax administration; and

Whereas, many State tax agencies have made significant advances in the development and utilization of technology to improve services for taxpayers; and

Whereas, the Multistate Tax Commission, the Federation of Tax Administrators and other State and local organizations currently are developing and/or utilizing systems to facilitate secure and convenient communications among States in the open source environment of the Internet and the World Wide Web; and

Whereas, one of the technologies in use by the States and by State and local organizations is encryption technology like public/private key technology; and

Whereas, the States and their organization are utilizing different public/private key infrastructure systems developed by various companies; and

Whereas, there is a need to develop and utilize encryption technology and other technologies that enable seamless, and where needed, secure communications among States and taxpayers on a multistate basis; and

Whereas, States have legitimate needs for employing different kinds of communication systems; and

Whereas, many federal agencies have worked together to provide a level of interoperability among the differing public/private key infrastructure systems in place in the various agencies; and

Whereas, the Multistate Tax Commission anticipates creating a cooperative mechanism to support the secure exchange of information among State tax agencies; and

Whereas, the American National Standards Institute's Accredited Standard Committee X12 (ASC X12) continues its excellent work in developing national standards for EDI and XML (eXtensible Markup Language) for use in tax administration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Multistate Tax Commission encourages State tax agencies to develop encryption and other information systems technologies that anticipate and serve the need for compatibility with the systems of other State tax agencies; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Multistate Tax Commission encourages the States to work cooperatively to build information systems that enable effective and secure interstate communications, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Multistate Tax Commission encourages states to adopt existing and future ASC X12 standards for EDI and XML as they are released.

Adopted this 27th day of July, 2001 by the Multistate Tax Commission.
Amended and Readopted this 31st day of July, 2004 .

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This resolution shall expire at the end of the Annual Business Meeting of the Multistate Tax Commission in 2009.